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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Provisional agenda and annotations for the first part of the forty-second session of the Board

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

The provisional agenda for the first part of the forty-second session of the Trade and Development Board, as approved by the Board at its 858th plenary meeting on 31 March 1995, is reproduced in section I of the present document. The secretariat's annotations, contained in section II, are intended to furnish essential background information covering the provisional agenda items, together with a brief description of the relevant documentation.

A checklist of documents relating to all agenda items will be issued at the beginning of the session.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD*/

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6. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

   (a) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-eighth session;

   (b) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-eighth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

[To be completed in the light of developments]

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*/ Approved by the Board at its 858th meeting, on 31 March 1995.

7. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (b) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (c) Review of the calendar of meetings;

   (d) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

8. Other business

9. Adoption of the report of the Board

II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 Procedural matters

The rules of procedure of the Board are contained in TD/B/6/Rev.4 and Corr. 1.

(a) Election of officers
(Rules 18 and 19)

In accordance with rules 18 and 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Board shall consist of 12 members (the President, 10 Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur), including 4 members from List A (Africa/Asia), 4 from List B, 2 from List C and 2 from List D referred to in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995(XIX), as amended.

In accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the Office of President of the Board, the President at the forty-second session shall be a representative of one of the States in List B. At its ninth (pre-sessional) executive session, on 17 March 1995, the Board designated H.E. Mr. William Rossier (Switzerland) as President of the Board at its forty-second session.

In accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the Office of Rapporteur, the Rapporteur at the forty-second session of the Board shall be a representative of one of the States in List D.

No documentation

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session

Agenda

The provisional agenda for the session, as approved by the Board at the second part of its forty-first session, is reproduced in section I above.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/1 Annotated provisional agenda

Organization of work

The proposals for the organization of the work of the session, as discussed at the Consultations of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD on 24 May 1995, will be circulated to the Board.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/1/Add.1 Organization of work

(c) Adoption of the report on credentials
(Rule 17.2)

"The Bureau of the Board shall examine the credentials and submit their report to the Board."

In-session documentation

(d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the forty-second session of the Board

(e) Provisional agenda for the pre-sessional executive session of the Board (Spring 1996)

The second part of the forty-second session of the Board will now take place after the ninth session of the Conference. The Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD will circulate, in due course, a draft provisional agenda, drawn up in the light of developments. The provisional agenda for the corresponding pre-sessional executive session will also be circulated at an appropriate time.

No documentation

Item 2 International implications of macro-economic policies and issues concerning interdependence: linkages between global financial and trade flows, development, and levels of economic activity and employment, and the future implications following the Uruguay Round

Pursuant to paragraph 66 of the Cartagena Commitment, the Board will be conducting its annual review of international implications of macro-economic policies and issues concerning interdependence. The topic approved by the Board for consideration at the first part of its forty-second session - "Linkages between global financial and trade flows, development, and levels of economic activity and employment, and the future implications following the Uruguay Round" - is addressed in the Trade and Development Report, 1995.

Documentation

Trade and Development Report, 1995
Trade and Development Report, 1995 (Overview)

Item 3 Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 48/169, of 21 December 1993, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene in 1995 a second Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions to review, in collaboration with UNDP, the progress in the development of transit systems in the land-locked and transit developing countries and to recommend further appropriate action, including the elaboration of programmes for further improvement of those transit systems. The Meeting was held in New York from 19 to 22 June 1995.

Prior to the above meeting, a Symposium for Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries was organized by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD in collaboration with The Administrator of UNDP and the executive heads of the regional economic commissions, pursuant to paragraph 12 of the same resolution. The Symposium addressed specific regional transit transport problems and made recommendations for future actions at the national, subregional and international levels. The outcome of the Symposium was discussed by the above intergovernmental meeting which adopted a Global Framework for transit transport cooperation between land-locked and transit developing countries and the donor community. This Framework is annexed to the report of the Meeting (TD/B/42(1)/11 - TD/B/LDC/AC.1/7) which will be before the Trade and Development Board for its consideration.

In paragraph 17 of the resolution, the General Assembly welcomed the reports of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific action related to the specific needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/48/487) and requested the latter to prepare another report, taking into account the provisions of resolution 48/169, for submission to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session. In accordance with Conference resolution 137(VI), the report is being submitted to the General Assembly through the Trade and Development Board.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/13	Note by the secretariat
TD/B/42(1)/11 TD/B/LDC/AC.1/7	Report of the Second Meeting of Governmental Experts from Developing Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions (19-22 May 1995)
TD/B/42(1)/14	Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries Progress report by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 4 UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

Conference resolution 146(VI) established the UNCTAD secretariat's Special Economic Unit (Palestinian people), while the Conference at its eighth session and the General Assembly in its decision 47/445 called for UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people to be continued in its current form. In its most recent resolution concerning assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 49/21 N, of 20 December 1994), the General Assembly called upon relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to intensify their assistance in response to the urgent needs of the Palestinian people.

The UNCTAD secretariat's annual report to the Board on developments in the economy of the occupied Palestinian territory focuses on three main issues. Part I reviews major developments in the policy framework affecting the economy since the 1993-1994 peace accords and examines available indicators of economic performance. It also focuses on the hitherto unexamined issue of private investment in the Palestinian economy. Part II reviews prospects for the future development of the Palestinian economy, including strategy and policy guidelines. Part III reviews the work of the Special Economic Unit in the period 1994/1995 and, in response to the outcome of deliberations at the first part of the forty-first session of the Board, places special emphasis on the secretariat's proposed programme of technical assistance activities in support of Palestinian trade, investment and related services.

In taking note of the report by the UNCTAD secretariat, the Board may wish to focus attention on the secretariat's proposed programme of technical assistance activities, as contained in Part III.

In accordance with subparagraph (c) of General Assembly decision 47/445, the Board may also wish to decide that a summary of the discussions under this item should be annexed to the report of the Board to the General Assembly.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/8	Developments in the economy of the occupied Palestinian territory Report by the UNCTAD secretariat

Item 5 Preparations for the ninth session of the Conference

At the Consultations of the Officer in-Charge of UNCTAD, held on 13 July 1995, His Excellency Mr. Jacob Selebi, Ambassador of South Africa in Geneva, announced that, in principle, his Government would be willing to host the ninth session of the Conference in the first half of 1996. On that occasion, the Consultations agreed that, in keeping with past practice, an open-ended organizational committee, to be chaired by the representative of the prospective host country, should be established to finalize details related to organizational arrangements for the Conference with a view to preparing a formal decision for adoption by the Board and submission to the General Assembly.

It will be recalled that, at the second part of its forty-first session (858th plenary meeting on 31 March 1995), the Board approved the substantive items for the provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Conference, together with the agreed annotations, and took note of the accompanying secretariat background note. The Board requested the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD to complete the provisional agenda with the customary procedural and administrative items. The completed provisional agenda will be before the Board.

The Board also authorized the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD to proceed with the substantive preparations for UNCTAD IX and to mobilize support for the Conference and its preparatory activities, pending the formal convening of the Conference by the General Assembly.

A progress report on preparations for the Conference will be before the Board.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/CRP.1	Preparations for the ninth session of the Conference: progress report by the UNCTAD secretariat
TD/B/42(1)/L.1	Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Conference

Item 6 Other matters in the field of trade and development

(a) Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-eighth session

At its twenty-eighth session (29 May - 2 June 1995), the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT conducted a priority-setting review in the context of the opportunities and challenges arising from the Marrakesh agreements; reviewed technical cooperation activities in 1994; discussed the report of the ITC Technical Meeting (convened in March 1994 to consider a report on the evaluation of the ITC subprogramme on import operations and techniques); and discussed a strategy paper on ITC's role in the environmental aspects of international trade in collaboration with UNCTAD and GATT/WTO. The Group also considered ITC's relations with organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other bodies.

Special attention is drawn to annex I to the report on the session containing the proposal adopted by the Joint Advisory Group for setting up a global trust fund and related consultative committee, and to the Group's consideration of this item, reflected in paragraphs 40-45 of the report. Attention is also drawn to paragraph 77, reflecting the announcements of trust fund contributions to the International Trade Centre.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/15	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
ITC/AG(XXVIII)/150 and Add.1	Report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-eighth session

(b) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-eighth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law was held in Vienna from 2 to 26 May 1995. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2205(XXI), the report on the session will be before the Board.

Assembly resolution 2205(XXI) also provides that any comments or recommendations which the Board may wish to make on the report shall be transmitted to the General Assembly. Likewise, any suggestions for topics to be included in the work of UNCITRAL, and any other recommendations by the Board relevant to the work of UNCITRAL, shall be transmitted to the General Assembly.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/16	Note by the UNCTAD secretariat
A/50/17	Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-eighth session

Item 7 Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(a) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

A list of the 104 intergovernmental organizations in status with UNCTAD is contained in TD/B/IGO/LIST/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

No new applications are expected to be before the Board at the first part of its forty-second session.

Documentation

TD/B/IGO/LIST/1 and Corr.1 and Add.1	List of IGOs in status with UNCTAD

(b) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

At present there are 163 non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD - 77 in the General Category and 86 in the Special Category. It will be recalled that, at the second part of its forty-first session, the Board agreed to the revised classification of non-governmental organizations in the Special Category, as contained in document TD/B/41(2)/CRP.2. These revised classifications have been incorporated into the most recent list of non-governmental organizations in status with UNCTAD, circulated in TD/B/NGO/LIST/1.

At the first part of its forty-second session, the Board will be invited to consider applications from the International Council of Environmental Law and the Fundación Futuro Latino-americano. In accordance with the provisions of rule 77, the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD will consult the Bureau and submit the Bureau's recommendations to the Board.

An annotation concerning any further applications received will be contained in an addendum to the present document.

Documentation

TD/B/NGO/LIST/1	List of NGOs in status with UNCTAD
TD/B/42(1)/R.1	Application by the International Council of Environmental Law (ICEL)
TD/B/42(1)/R.2	Application by the Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA)

(c) Review of the calendar of meetings

The Board will have before it a revised calendar of meetings for the remainder of 1995, as approved by the Consultations of the Officer-in-Charge of UNCTAD, together with a note of any further adjustments recommended, if necessary.

An indicative calendar for 1996, and a tentative schedule of meetings for 1997, will be annexed for planning purposes.

Documentation

TD/B/42(1)/L.2	Review of the calendar of meetings

(d) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board

The Board will be informed during the session of the administrative and financial implications of any proposals before it.

In-session documentation, if required

Item 8 Other business

Item 9 Adoption of the report of the Board

In accordance with Board decision 259(XXV), two versions of the report are prepared: (a) the report of the Board to the General Assembly, containing the resolutions and decisions emanating from the session and any other material which the Board decides to transmit to the Assembly; and (b) the full account of the proceedings, which constitutes the official record of the Board's session.